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Title: Remediation of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings, Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0355D).

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Abstract:

The purpose of the *Remediation of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings, Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah, Draft Environmental Impact Statement* is to provide information on the environmental impacts of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) proposal to (1) remediate approximately 11.9 million tons of contaminated materials located on the Moab site and approximately 39,700 tons located on nearby vicinity properties and (2) develop and implement a ground water compliance strategy for the Moab site using the framework of the *Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Ground Water Project* (DOE/EIS-0198, October 1996). The EIS will be used to inform the public of the information being used by DOE in decision-making for the remediation of the Moab site. The surface remediation alternatives analyzed in the draft EIS include on-site disposal of the contaminated materials and off-site disposal at one of three alternative locations in Utah using one or more transportation options: truck, rail, or slurry pipeline. This draft EIS evaluates the environmental consequences that may result from implementing the reasonable alternatives, including health impacts to the public, impacts to ground water and surface water, traffic impacts, and impacts to other resources. The draft EIS also analyzes a No Action alternative, under which DOE would not implement any surface or ground water remedial actions. DOE has not yet identified a preferred alternative; a preferred alternative will be identified in the final EIS after consideration of public comments, the information provided in this EIS, and other factors, including the costs of the alternative actions.

Public Comments:

Public hearings on the draft EIS will be held in January 2005. Oral and written comments are invited at these hearings. Commentors are also encouraged to send written comments until February 18, 2005, or email to moabcomments@gjo.doe.gov to the DOE Grand Junction address provided above. DOE will consider all public and agency comments submitted during the public comment period on the draft EIS in preparing the final EIS. Comments received after the close of the public comment period will be considered to the extent practicable.